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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98, submitted herewith is a Form PTO-1449 identifying the references listed below.

The undersigned certifies that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement. Specifically, the references cited herein were cited in an International Search Report mailed on May 30, 2005 on counterpart International Patent Application No. PCT/US 2004/034220. A copy of that Search Report is submitted herewith. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination, and 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1) and (e)(1) apply. No fee is believed to be due in connection with this information disclosure statement.

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The following references that are not already of record in the present application were cited in the above-mentioned Search Report

U.S. Patent Reference
5,860,514

Foreign Patent Reference
France 2,298,176

A copy of the French reference is filed herewith.

The international search report identifies Figure 4 of the French reference as "technological background" to PCT claims 22-31, and Figures 1 and 4 as "of particular relevance" to PCT claim 41. Those claims of the PCT application correspond to the claims with the same numbers of the present application as originally filed.

In the device shown in Figs. 2-4 of the French reference, starting from the position shown in solid lines in Fig. 2, when the push-button 32 is pressed, the intermediate member 27 is pushed down against the spring 23 until the foot 29' strikes the slope 37 of the fork 15. The intermediate member 27 rocks sideways, but only by a small amount until the arm 29 is stopped by the neighboring wall 31' of the seat 31. The foot 29' then pushes the slope 37 down, rotating the fork 15 until the spring 23 goes over center and the fork 15 snaps to the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2.

Fig. 1 of the French reference shows an alternative embodiment with a rocker switch instead of a push-button. The function of this device is believed to be clear from the drawing. One of the advantages asserted by the French applicant is that the two embodiments use a high proportion of common components.

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The relevance of the above-mentioned foreign documents is set forth in the International Search Report filed concurrently with this Information Disclosure Statement (M.P.E.P. 609A(3)).

The examiner is respectfully requested to review each of the above-identified references and make them of record in the instant application as required by M.P.E.P. §609. It is requested that the Examiner initial the enclosed duplicate substitute Form 1449, and return one copy to Applicant's undersigned representative.

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